

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Commemorating the 20th anniversary this year of the death of Crazy Horse Memorial sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski and recognizing the sculptor's wife and family for their dedication and great progress at the Memorial during the two decades since Korczak's passing.

WHEREAS, in 1947 Korczak came to the Black Hills to undertake Crazy Horse Memorial at the invitation of Lakota Chief Henry Standing Bear who wrote to him, "My fellow chiefs and I would like the white man to know the red man has great heroes, too"; and

WHEREAS, Korczak dedicated the rest of his life to making steady progress on the colossal Crazy Horse mountain carving, the largest sculpture in the world, and on the important educational and cultural goals of the nonprofit Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the sculptor created scale models, and he and his wife, Ruth, prepared comprehensive plans, all to be used for the continuation of the Memorial which Korczak realized was larger than any one person's lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Korczak, Storyteller in Stone, died on October 20, 1982, leaving an unfinished dream which Ruth and seven of their sons and daughters, Dawn, Adam, Jadwiga, Casimir, Anne, Mark, and Monique, dedicated themselves to continuing; and

WHEREAS, the nine-story-high face of Crazy Horse was completed and dedicated on June 3, 1998, and work now is progressing to block out the 22-story-high horse's head on the mountain carving increasingly referred to in the media as the latest modern wonder of the world; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable vision and accomplishment of Korczak and his family have attracted on-going national and international print and broadcast media coverage resulting in an incalculable contribution to South Dakota's tourism industry and, thus, the state's economy at large; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota is very proud of the dynamic Korczak Ziolkowski family and its noble goals of honoring the North American Indian and fostering reconciliation between peoples through the creation of Crazy Horse Memorial:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the 20th anniversary

of Korczak Ziolkowski's death be commemorated in the year 2002 and that his wife, Ruth, and their family be recognized for their extraordinary record of accomplishment at Crazy Horse Memorial during the last two decades.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

January 17, 2002
January 22, 2002

Carole Hillard
President of the Senate

Patricia Adam
Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

Karen Gerdes
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